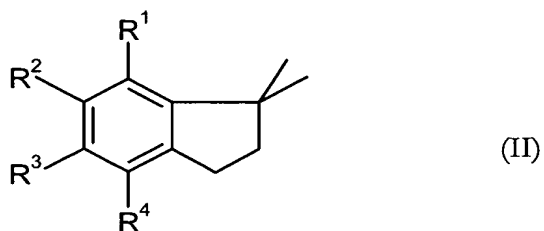


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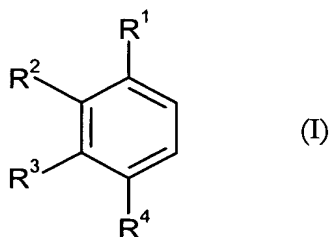
1. (Original) Compounds of the Formula (II)



where

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ – independently of one another – can be hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl or C₁-C₈-alkoxy, with the proviso that at least one of these radicals is C₁-C₈-alkoxy.

2. (Original) Method for the preparation of compounds according to Claim 1, characterised in that alkoxy-substituted aromatic compounds of the Formula (I)

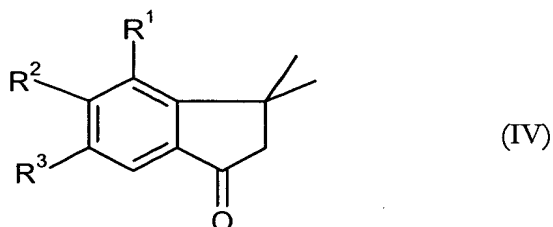


where

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ have the meaning given in Claim 1,

are reacted with isoprene in the presence of an acid catalyst.

3. (Original) Method for the preparation of compounds of the Formula (IV)



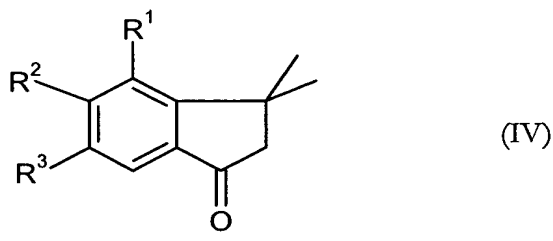
where

R¹ to R³ have the meaning given in Claim 1,

characterised in that these are prepared from the compounds of the Formula (II) according to Claim 1 by oxidation.

4. (Original) Method according to Claim 3, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out using oxygen as oxidising agent.
5. (Original) Method according to Claim 4, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out in the presence of a compound of the metals manganese, iron, cobalt, chromium, nickel or copper.
6. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 4 or 5, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out in the presence of an N-hydroxy-imide.
7. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 3 or 4, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out with the aid of phase transfer catalysis.

8. (Currently amended) Use of compounds according to Claim 1 for the preparation of compounds ~~according to Claim 3~~ of the Formula (IV)

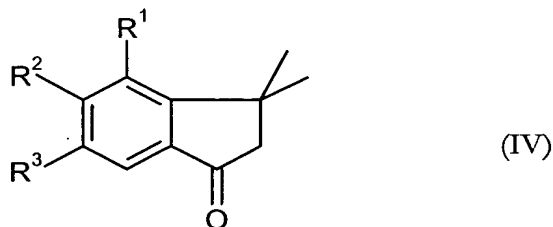


where

R¹ to R³ have the meaning given in Claim 1,

characterised in that these are prepared from the compounds of the Formula (II)
according to Claim 1 by oxidation.

9. (Original) Compounds of the Formula (IV)



where

R¹ to R³ have the meaning given in Claim 1.

10. (Original) Use of compounds according to Claim 9 for the preparation of pharmaceutical or agrochemical active compounds.
11. (Original) Use of compounds according to Claim 9 for the preparation of UV filters.
12. (New) Method according to Claim 5, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out in the presence of an N-hydroxy-imide.

13. (New) Method according to Claim 4, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out with the aid of phase transfer catalysis.